

## Sediment Evaluation Framework draft available for public comment

Three public information meetings scheduled this month

### **PORTLAND, Ore.**

– The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking comments on the 2009 draft of the final Sediment Evaluation Framework for the Pacific Northwest.

The SEF is a regional guidance document for the assessment and characterization of

freshwater and marine sediments in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The SEF presents a

framework for sampling, sediment testing and test interpretation. For dredging projects, the SEF

provides the basis for evaluating the suitability for unconfined open water or other disposal

options.

The SEF is being developed jointly by the Regional Sediment Evaluation Team, which is

comprised of Portland, Seattle and Walla Walla districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection

Agency Region 10, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Washington Department of

Ecology and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

The SEF can be downloaded from the Portland District Web site at,

<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e/rset.asp>.

Public comments on the SEF can be e-mailed to [Marci.e.cook@usace.army.mil](mailto:Marci.e.cook@usace.army.mil), or

mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CENWP-PM-E (Attn: Cook), P.O. Box 2946.

Portland, Oregon, 97208-2946. Comments must be received no later than close of business

More information on the updated SEF will be provided at three upcoming public  
information meetings.

**IN IDAHO:**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19

Idaho DEQ State Office

1410 N. Hilton

Conference Room B

Boise, Idaho 83706

**IN PORTLAND:**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24

Robert Duncan Plaza

1st Floor Library

333 SW 1st Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97208

\*\* Please enter Robert Duncan Plaza at the 2nd street entrance.

**IN SEATTLE:**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26

Federal Center South

Galaxy Room 1st floor

4735 East Marginal Way South

Seattle, Washington 98134-2329

\*\* Please arrive early to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Parking is available on the east side of East Marginal Way, between Alaska and Hudson streets.

A limited number of hardcopy or CD's of the SEF are available. To request a copy, or

for any questions about the public information meetings or the proposed SEF, please contact

Marci Cook at (503) 808-4765, or [Marci.e.cook@usace.army.mil](mailto:Marci.e.cook@usace.army.mil).